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For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,

F. DE BOVIS,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 1, 1892. 1515

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

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SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £500,000.

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RESERVE LIABILITY OF \$10,000,000.

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6% on LOANS against Shares with full margin.

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7% on Advances against Goods in private godowns.

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Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST.

MENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

Hongkong, July 19, 1892. 1516

## Intimations.

### NOTICE.

DURING the REPAIRS to the SUPREME COURT HOUSE, the COURT will SIT in SUMMARY JURISDICTION on and after the 22nd instant at the MASONIC HALL, Zealand Street. And the COURT will SIT in ORIGINAL JURISDICTION either at the SUPREME COURT HOUSE or at the MASONIC HALL aforesaid, as may be from time to time directed.

By Order, BRUCE SHEPHERD, Acting Registrar.

SUPREME COURT, 11th August, 1892. 1337

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

A General MEETING of the above Association will be held at the CHAMBERS of the Association, Second Floor, 18, Bank Buildings, on THURSDAY, the 18th instant, at 4.15 p.m., to discuss, and, if approved, adopt the following Amendment to Rule 5: "Candidates elected after 30th June in any year shall only be liable for half subscription for that year."

ED. ROBINSON,  
Hon. Secretary.

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PEAK HOTEL.

THIS Commodious and Well appointed HOTEL, situated at a height of 1,250 feet above sea-level, has been LIASED by the Proprietors of the "VICTORIA HOTEL," is NOW OPEN and will be run in conjunction with their HOTEL. Queen's Road, thus enabling them to offer special inducements to Visitors and Residents.

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STEAM FOR  
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,  
ADEN, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID,  
MALTA, GIBRALTAR, MARSEILLES,  
BUNDESI, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON;  
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA  
AND AUSTRALIA.  
N. B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills  
of Lading for BATAVIA, PERSIAN  
GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES,  
HAMBURG, NEW YORK AND  
BOSTON.  
SPECIE ONLY landed at PLYMOUTH.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship  
PENINSULAR, Captain A. O. LOGGIN,  
with Her Majesty's Mail, will be despatched  
from this for LONDON, via BOMBAY  
and SUEZ CANAL, on THURSDAY, 18th  
Instant, at Noon.  
Cargo will be received on board until 4  
p.m., and Specie (Gold) at the Office  
until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing.  
Silk and Valuables for Europe will be  
transhipped at Colombo; General Cargo  
for London will be conveyed via Bombay  
without transhipment, arriving one week  
later than by the ordinary direct route via  
Colombo. Tea will be sent either via Bou-  
tay or Colombo according to arrangement.  
For further particulars regarding  
FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the  
PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

The Contracts and Value of Passages are  
required to be declared prior to shipment.

Shippers are particularly requested to  
note the terms and conditions of the Com-  
pany's Bills of Lading.

Passenger contracts of insuring their boat  
cargo to be made on application at the Com-  
pany's Office.

The Steamer takes Cargo and Passengers  
for MARSEILLES.

H. H. JOSEPH,  
Superintendent,  
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,  
Hongkong, August 9, 1892. 1377

## U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY.

THROUGH to NEW YORK, via  
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, and ROTATING  
AT YOKOHAMA AND SAN  
FRANCISCO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG,  
C. & H. Honolulu, Aug. 30.  
TUESDAY, Sept. 8.  
CITY of Rio de Janeiro, THURSDAY, Sept. 29.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship CHINA  
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO,  
via YOKOHAMA and HONO-  
LULU, on SATURDAY, the 20th August,  
at 1 p.m., taking Passengers and Freight  
for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

RATES OF PASSAGE  
FROM HONGKONG, FIRST CLASS.

To San Francisco, Vancouver, Victoria, Esquimalt, New Westminster, Fort Town, \$225.00  
send, Seattle, Tacoma, Port

land, O. .... \$220.00

To Liverpool and London ..... \$320.00  
To Paris and Brussels ..... \$345.00  
To Havre and Hamburg ..... \$335.00

Through Passage Tickets granted to  
England, France, and Germany by all  
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

Passages must be sent to the Company's  
office with address marked in full by 5 p.m.  
on the day previous to sailing.

For further information to Pass-  
enger Agent, apply to the  
Company's Office.

E. HOLLOWAY,  
General Agent,  
Office: Pedder's Street,  
Hongkong, July 30, 1892. 1318

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS

STEAM FOR  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA  
COLOMBO, PONDICHERY,  
MADRAS, CALCUTTA, ADEEN, SUEZ  
PORT SAID.

MEDITERRANEAN AND  
BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA,  
MARSEILLE, AND PORTS  
OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA.

LONDON, HAVRE AND BORDEAUX.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 24th August,  
1892, at Noon, the Company's  
S. S. SALAZAR, Commandant PAUL,  
with MAIL, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,  
and CARGO, will leave this Port for  
the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for  
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-  
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the  
principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till  
Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until  
3 p.m., Specie and Parcels not later than  
the 23rd August, 1892. (Parcels are not  
to be sent on board, they must be left  
at the Agency's Office.)

Consignees are requested to present all  
claims and value of packages are re-  
quested.

For further particulars, apply at the  
Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Hongkong, August 10, 1892. 1382

NOTICE.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP  
AND RAILROAD COMPANIES.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1892.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Victoria ..... Thursday, August 25.

A STEAMER. Saturday, September 3.

AND THEREAFTER THE PERMANENT SERVICE  
OF THE COMPANY'S REGULAR STEAMERS.

THE Steamship VICTORIA, Captain  
J. J. PANTON, R. N. R., sailing at Noon,  
on THURSDAY, the 25th August, will pro-  
ceed to VICTORIA, B.C., and TACOMA,  
via INLAND SEA, NAGASAKI, KOBE  
and YOKOHAMA.

Freight will be received on board until  
4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcels  
will be received at the office until  
6 p.m., same day; all Parcels should be  
marked to address in full; value  
of same is required.

General Agent to accompany Cargo  
destined for ports beyond San Francisco  
to the United States, should be sent to the  
Company's Office in Sealed Envelope,  
addressed to the Collector of Customs at San  
Francisco.

For further information as to Pass-  
enger and Freight, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 72, Queen's Road Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,  
Agent.

Hongkong, July 13, 1892. 1383

## Mails.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'S  
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE,  
CHINA AND JAPAN.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1892.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Empress of China Saturday, August 20.

Empress of India Saturday, Sept. 10.

Empress of Japan Saturday, October 8.

THE R. M. EMPRESS OF CHINA,  
A. R. BURKE, Commander, sailing at  
Noon on SATURDAY, the 20th August,  
with Her Majesty's Mail, will proceed to  
VANCOUVER, and SHANGHAI, KOBE,  
INLAND SEA, and YOKOHAMA.

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(in Mexican Dollars).

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## WILD ANIMAL SHOW!!

WILL OPEN ON

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TO D. A. Y. (MONDAY).

FOR FIVE DAYS ONLY.

COLLECTION OF RARE WILD

ANIMALS fresh from the Jungle now

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A huge living two-horned black Sumatra

RHINOCEROS;

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A MONSTER MAN-EATING

ROYAL BENGAL TIGER.

the largest ever captured.

A man-eating black and white

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The finest specimen ever exhibited.

AN INDIAN CHEETAH.

the largest ever captured.

HUNTING LEOPARD.

One hundred MONKEYS of all kinds and

descriptions, including four large Gorilla

MONKEYS.

DAILY FROM 10 A.M. TO 10 P.M.

At the popular price of

20 CENTS ADMISSION.

Hongkong, August 15, 1892. 1387

## Vessels Advertised to Loading.

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## THE CHINA MAIL.

The collection of wild animals at present being shown at West Point attracted a good number of visitors on Saturday. The animals will be exhibited daily this week, except Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The steamer Victoria, which is to be one of the regular traders between Hongkong and Taecon (Wash.) of the Northern Pacific Company, arrived to-day from Glasgow. The vessel was formerly known as the Purple, and under the flag of the Canada Pacific Company made some smart runs between this port and Vancouver. Since returning to Scotland, she had been in the hands of Messrs. John Elder & Co., Glasgow, by whom she has been practically reconstructed, both with a view to the accommodation of passengers and the carrying of freights. From Messrs. Dredwell, Cartill and Co., the agents for the new line, which has been doing a good cargo business since May, we have received a number of pamphlets and other documents bearing upon the history, present condition and future growing cities of importance on the route of the Northern Pacific Railway. From these documents it may be gathered that brilliant prospects are held out to the capitalist, whishing an investment for his money, and a multitude of interesting sights for the passing tourist.

The insurance on the property destroyed by the great fire at St. John's, Newfoundland, amount to nearly \$4,500,000, this sum being divided among twenty-one offices.

The O.S.S. Co.'s steamer Palamed, which arrived at Singapore on the 8th inst., from Jeddah, had 253 pilgrims. Five deaths occurred during the voyage, and owing to a case of small-pox the vessel has been quarantined, and the passengers landed at St. John's island.

In the Netherlands India news of the Singapore Fire Press the following paragraph occurs:—The Captain of the English steamer Chittagong committed suicide by shooting himself with a pistol during the trip from Batoum to Tbilisay, where the vessel recently arrived.

The proportion of males to females in the Straits Settlements is a little more than double, the census giving the numbers as 844,551 and 167,701 respectively. The total number of births registered last year, throughout the Colony, was 11,291, a number higher than that seen registered in any year, except 1859.

Advice from Bremen bring word of the Norwegian sailing ship Winnetoo stranding on the south end of the Osterly Bank near Ponapet island about the middle of last month. The crew got ashore in boats and arrived safely at Tawau Pandan. Both vessel and cargo are a total loss.

By last advices from Sourabaya, at the end of the last month, the petroleum market there showed heavy depression. A lot of 85 to 40,000 cases of Russian oil were recently fetched 2.08 guilders a case, a rate lower than any reported before. The coffee market there is also depressed owing to heavy importations of that article from Bali.

The danger of circus performing has once more been illustrated by the fate befalling Miss Jessie Stewart, an acrobat belonging to the Abell and Klier's Company, who slipped, the other day, from a ladder balanced by a Japanese in the arena, at Sourabaya. She has died from the injuries received from the fall. Miss Stewart was 22 years of age.

The official liquidator of the Siam Electric Light Co. has paid £3,850 to the British Lighting Co., who have now to put the machinery into thorough repair before receiving some £10,000 more. When a satisfactory trial has been made the undertaking will probably be offered for sale by auction, and very likely taken over by the Government.

ANOTHER case of a lady voter claiming to be a member of Parliament—the third we have heard of during the recent General Election—is reported by a Stroud correspondent, who says a woman named Anna Pearce voted for Mr. Brymner Jones at Whitechapel in the Mid Division of Gloucestershire. She was on the register, and the presiding officer said he could not be made the judge of her sex. This presiding officer, like the one at Central Birmingham, took, we believe, the correct view of his duty, whereas, the official at the Clitheroe election who refused the vote of Miss Pearce, on seeing that Miss Pearce was a man, was wrong. The presiding officer apparently has no discretion. It is his business to ascertain the name of every person whose name is on the register, and if that person is disqualified by law to vote, the responsibility and the peril are the voter's, not the returning officer's.

A LITTLE woman, seventy-six years of age, a negro, and formerly a slave, arrived at Liverpool on the 11th inst., in the British and African steamer October, from Monrovia, West Africa, for the sole purpose of visiting England and seeing Queen Victoria. Her name is Martha Anne Rix, and she is a widow. She was born in slavery in the United States, and when a few years old was bought by her father and taken by him to Liberia, West Africa. There the old lady has lived ever since, and from her earliest recollections she formed the intention of visiting England, the friend of the slave and seeing the Queen, their master. Mrs. Rix, in this hope, has been saving up for fifty years, and is immediately she accumulated sufficient to pay for her ticket and a little to pay her way in England, she started on her long journey. Mr. Alfred L. Jones, the head of the firm of Elder, Dempster, and Co., has interested himself in her mission, and is now endeavouring to get her an interview with the Queen. Mrs. Rix has made a will for presentation to Her Majesty. This is of white satin, on which are worked a representation of the coffee tree of Liberia, with the berries green, then turning ripe, and at last in full fruit. Mrs. Rix speaks good English, and was quite delighted at having arrived in England. In speaking of the days of slavery she said, "Our only friend w<sup>th</sup> us was God, and when we crossed the ocean we put our feet down in England we were free. We all loved England much, and we wanted to see her noble people and her Queen. We called her our mother, and call her mother now. I want to go to London and see the Queen. I know I cannot speak to her; but I hope to see her passing along, and then I will return to my farm in Liberia and die contented. The Lord told me I should see the Queen, and I know I shall."

The old-fashioned dance of the gavotte was introduced into a Flower Ball, recently given by Sir James and Lady Dormer at Madras, the great feature of which was a gavotte danced by sixteen young men and maidens, who had been practising the same for some weeks.

The Finang Gazette records the recent death of Mr. R. W. Mitchell, late chief clerk in the Police Office, which occurred at a bad fit on the 5th, in the General Requests. Mr. Mitchell was engaged in defending an action brought against him by his master, when suddenly he was seized with a fit, which shook his whole frame. He then dropped on a chair behind him, gave a few groans and apparently all was over with him. Medical assistance was immediately sent for, and Dr. Barker, who arrived shortly after, pronounced life to be extinct. The deceased leaves a widow and five children, the eldest of whom is a daughter about eighteen years of age, for whom much sympathy is felt.

The latest electrical invention, says an American paper, is the cat paralyser. It is a very simple device, and anyone can kill all the cats within 100 miles if he feels so disposed. First the cat is made of cat preferred to make the skin by means of a pair of shears to connect the cat with a piece of copper wire, the length desired; place the inflated cat skin in your front yard, the electrical current passing through the cat will cause it to bow its back as if seeking trouble. Your neighbour's cat on seeing this piece of ingenuity will attack it, but he will never attack another. The instant he places his claws into the electrical cat, he is electrocuted. The inventor kills 100 members of the feline family in one night.

Tax semi-official Fremdenblatt of Vienna, in a leading article on the British election, refers to the elections of Lord Randolph Churchill, whom it calls the popular young Tory, and proceeds to inform its readers that the pending campaign, like that of 1882, is a question of "Is he grand or not?" The writer says:—

"Anglo-Saxons and Celts have since the history of man been divided socially and religiously. Gladstones was the first who invited the English to yield, as far as possible, to these claims, and he thereby undoubtedly opened a new era for the two peoples. Lord Salisbury's programme is certainly more cautious and more consistent with the development of the Empire generally. At all events, the Irish see there is no longer any question of the old national hatreds against them. In Great Britain, and that the only difference between the two parties is whether Home Rule is consistent with Imperial union and with the interests of the Anglo-Saxons residing in Ireland."

YESTERDAY afternoon, says the Penang Gazette, the 2nd inst., Mr. Birch, who is now staying at the Government bungalow on the hill, on arrival at the foot of the hill, when he had ordered a pony to be sent to wait for him, found on the pony a pair of five Dutchmen mounted on the hill. Mr. Birch, of course, immediately requested the man to remount; but he would not do so, and a few words then passed between them. Subsequently, the Dutchman seized hold of Mr. Birch, and was preparing to resort to violence, when the latter somehow managed to get out of the other's clutches, speedily jumped into his carriage and drove to town, and at once communicated with the police. The same evening Detective Inspector Fiddes arrested the assailant at the Eastern and Oriental Hotel, by order of Mr. Eastwood, the Acting Second Magistrate, and took him to Mr. Kruyf, the Consul for the Netherlands, upon whom he undertook the responsibility for his appearance the next day when he was released. This morning Mr. Kruyf, accompanied by the accused and his four friends, had an interview with Mr. Birch in chambers, when, we understand, an ample apology was tendered, by the party concerned, to Mr. Birch, and in consequence the matter was allowed to drop.

We are sorry to learn from this week's telegram, says Capo, that the Chartered Merchant Bank of India, London, and China stands to lose £50,000 on the frauds of Bays, Craig & Co., of Bombay. This heavy blow is so many misfortunes to the good old bank, which has for so many years stood safely through the shoals and misadventures of Indian Exchange banking. It would be unfair to attribute a loss of the kind now reported to mismanagement. The amount seems large, but it must be remembered that the bills were drawn against the bank, and it had existed, would have secured the bank in full or at least have left them to bear a trifling loss. Allowing for £50,000 further reduction in the reserve fund, the capital would stand at £417,500, or a little over £17 a share. When we consider that, in addition, shareholders are liable for a further £25 a share, it is perfectly evident that the bank is in a thoroughly solvent condition and creditors need not fear the slightest amount of loss. The presiding officer apparently has no discretion. It is his business to ascertain the value of every person whose name is on the register, and if that person is disqualified by law to vote, the responsibility and the peril are the voter's, not the returning officer's.

The Returns compiled by Lloyd's Register of Shipping, it appears, that the Chartered Merchant Bank of India, London, and China stands to lose £50,000 on the frauds of Bays, Craig & Co., of Bombay. This heavy blow is so many misfortunes to the good old bank, which has for so many years stood safely through the shoals and misadventures of Indian Exchange banking.

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